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1. AS YOU HAVE SEEN, THE FIRST STEP IN OUR TALKS ON THE U.S. PRESENCE IN THAILAND TOOK PLACE UNEXPECTEDLY WITH CHATCHAI YESTERDAY. I HAVE BEEN THINKING THAT KHUKRIT AND THE MILITARY WOULD BE SENSIBLE ABOUT OUR PRESENCE BUT HAD EXPECTED CHATCHAI TO BE A PROBLEM AS HE HAS ALWAYS SEEMED SO ANXIOUS TO PLACATE ALL THOSE WHO CRITICIZE THE U.S. AFTER OUR TALK YESTERDAY, I AM EVEN MORE HOPEFUL THAT WE WILL HAVE RELATIVELY CLEAR SAILING ON KEEPING WHAT WE WANT HERE. I HAVE ASKED FOR AN APPOINTMENT WITH KHUKRIT IN ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR INSTRUCTIONS AND EXPECT TO SEE HIM LATER IN THE WEEK.

2. I WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO RETURN FOR CONSULTATION THE WEEK BEFORE THE SEATO MEETING AND WILL ARRIVE THE 13TH OR 14TH. I HOPE YOU WILL AGREE TO MY TAKING SOME LEAVE UNTIL MID-OCTOBER. ED MASTERS IS OFF ON LEAVE NOW BUT WILL BE ON DECK AT THAT TIME.
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